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An International Peace Corps

New 43-Nation Group Reported Getting U. S. Funds Not Appropriated for It

BONN.—Congress will be interested to know that Richard N. Goodwin, one-time White House Assistant on Latin-American Affairs, is busily organizing an International Peace Corps.

This is the more interesting because Congress recently refused to appropriate any money for the purpose. An \$85,000 authorization was killed, mainly through the efforts of Representative Glen Lipscomb, Republican of California.

Mr. Goodwin, however, is not deterred and is now operating under the resounding title of Secretary General of the International Peace Corps Secretariat. This committee was organized recently in a conference in Puerto Rico of enthusiasts from 43 nations. The United States is putting up part of the money, apparently from funds not specifically appropriated for this purpose.

Mr. Goodwin's adventures in government have not always been happy ones. Though he advised President Kennedy during the 1960 presidential campaign on Cuba and was an adviser to the United States Government at the Punta Del Este conference, he achieved no permanent status as a Latin-American expert. His introduction to high levels of government was as a secretary to a Supreme Court justice.

Now his enthusiasm for an International Peace Corps is untroubled. Mr. Goodwin was in Bonn when President Kennedy was there and, like Mr. Kennedy, addressed the new German Peace Corps, the second to be organized outside the United States. As was the case with the Peace Corps in the beginning, and with its successor Domestic

Peace Corps, the Kennedy administration is proceeding in the organization of an international corps as an executive action without prior authorization of Congress.

It is a soaring concept. Mr. Goodwin confidently predicts that in the next 12 months almost every country in the industrialized West will have a national peace corps type program to send volunteers overseas. Even before this, he says, Germans, Americans, Norwegians and Danes will be working side by side in the great international adventure. Even the small countries are joining the march of progress. El Salvador is training a corps and plans are going ahead in Tanganyika, Bolivia, Honduras and many other countries.

"I believe," states Mr. Goodwin, "that we are on the threshold of seeing the peace corps develop into the largest world-wide youth movement ever seen." The United States, of course, is leading the way with a force of 9,000 abroad by the end of this year.

Everybody is helping everybody else and it may not be long, as a propagandist in Africa suggested the other day, before Ghana sends a peace corps contingent to the United States to help us solve the race problem. All this is, as Mr. Goodwin says, "the new idealism" which will overcome the follies of the past.

The director of the German corps, Deutsche Entwicklungsdienst, is also not short of vision. Before long, he states, the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America will not only co-consume and co-produce but co-determine what this world will be in the intellectual, social and cultural field.

All this co-determinism is not what Congress bargained for in international organization. To say that Congress is resentful of the big financial load carried by the United States, but not by other nations in the United Nations, puts it mildly. The same would be true of an International Peace Corps organization.

If other nations actually pay their own way in organizing development teams for underdeveloped countries, then few would seriously quarrel with this new movement. However, to conceive of this movement as the wave of the future, training young people to take over the intellectual, social and cultural life of the world lacks much reality.

What bothers Congressmen is this: The whole peace corps idea, domestic, foreign and international, is taking on more of the character of a youth movement with all the political implications that go along with youth movements. This is a long step from the original idea.

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